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- Between 20 and 22 September 1950 the northwestern section of the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (N 52/F 09) was occupied by the rear detail of a tank unit. [REDACTED] The barracks section had formerly housed the German II Hv Mtz Arty Bn of the 40th Arty Regt. *

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- The southern section of the installation was vacant. Local residents said that the troops previously quartered there had left. This barracks section formerly quartered the German IV Arty Obsn. Bn.
- The eastern section of the installation has been vacant for a long time. It was built for a horse-drawn artillery battalion prior to the war.
- The barracks installation in Zaschendorf was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Local residents said that the installation was occupied by a tank unit. Only two groups of six or seven soldiers and no motor traffic were observed in the billeting area. **
- A Soviet tank repair shop was located in the former Imperio factory on Hafenstrasse and Goethestrasse, about 1 km north-north of the Meissen main railroad station. Two T34 tanks were being worked on in the yard. ***

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* Comment. The northern section of the billeting area was occupied by about 600 troops in June and July 1950 according to another source. See [REDACTED] 25X1A Subject report indicates that the elements of the 9th Tank Div, believed to be stationed in the billeting area, were still away from the post on 22 September 1950, presumably at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. It is probable that the troops quartered in the barracks installation in July 1950 were recruits who later also went to the troop training grounds.

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** Comment. The billeting area was reported to be occupied by components of the 9th Tank Div in October 1949. These units were apparently still at the troop training grounds on 22 September 1950.

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*** Comment. The tank repair shop is known from previous reports. See [REDACTED]

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